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Sir:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his courtesy extended during a telephone conversation on October 8, 2003. By telephone, the allowability of the pending claims were discussed. The Examiner indicated that claims 15-36 are allowable over the prior art of record. The Examiner further suggested that amending claim 37 to include claims 44 and 57 would put the remaining claims 37-58 in condition for allowance.

Applicants hereby request that the Examiner cancel claims 37-58 by Examiner's amendment, thereby leaving claims 15-36 pending in the present application. The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and swift passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

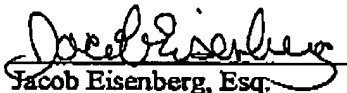
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